

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A herbicidal composition, comprising:

- a) at least one acetamide selected from metolachlor and S-metolachlor; and
- b) a synergistically active amount of a lipophilic additive comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of stearic acid, stearyl alcohol, and hydrocarbon fluids containing greater than 50 wt.% paraffins.

Claim 2 (Original): The herbicidal composition of claim 1 wherein the ratio (wt/wt) of a) to b) is 90:1 to 1.5:1.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The herbicidal composition of claim 1 wherein the acetamide comprises a mixture of the (S) and (R) isomers of metolachlor in the ratio of 50-100% (S) to 50-0% (R).

Claims 5 – 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The herbicidal composition of claim 1 [[8]] wherein the hydrocarbon fluid contains less than 2.0 wt.% aromatic component.

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The herbicidal composition of claim 1 [[8]] wherein 50-100% wt.% of the paraffins present in the hydrocarbon fluid are iso-paraffins.

Claim 12 (Original): The herbicidal composition of claim 11 wherein 90-100% wt.% of the paraffins present in the hydrocarbon fluid are iso-paraffins.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The herbicidal composition of claim 1 wherein at least 95 wt.% of the carbon structures of the hydrocarbon fluids have a carbon number distribution of from C13 to C20.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The herbicidal composition of claim 1 wherein the hydrocarbon fluid comprises a synthetic iso-paraffin fluid.

Claim 15 (Original): The herbicidal composition of claim 1 further comprising a safener.

Claim 16 (Original): The herbicidal composition of claim 1 further comprising a co-herbicide.

Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Original): A method of controlling undesired plant growth in the presence of cultivated plants, which comprises treating the cultivated plants, plant parts, seed or the locus thereof with a herbicidally effective amount of the herbicidal composition according to claim 1.

Claim 19 (Original): The method according to claim 18, wherein the cultivated plants are selected from the group consisting of cereals, rape, sugar beet, sugar cane, rice, maize, plantation crops, soybeans and cotton.

Claim 20 (Original): The method of claim 18 wherein the cultivated plants comprise transgenic plants or herbicidally tolerant plants created by conventional breeding.

Claim 21 (Original): The method according to claim 18 wherein the herbicidally effective amount of the composition is applied to the soil as a preemergent herbicide.

Claim 22 (Original): The method of claim 18, which further comprises treating the cultivated plants, plant parts, seed or the locus thereof with a co-herbicide.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of claim 22, which comprises treating the cultivated plants, plant parts, seed or the locus thereof at separate times with the herbicidal composition and the co-herbicide.

Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 18, which further comprises treating the cultivated plants, plant parts, seed or the locus thereof with a safener.

Claim 25 (Original): The method of claim 24, which comprises treating the cultivated plants, plant parts, seed or the locus thereof at separate times with the herbicidal composition and the safener.

Claims 26 – 40 (Canceled)

Claim 41 (Previously presented): A herbicidal composition, comprising:

- a) metolachlor or S-metolachlor;
- b) a synergistically active amount of isoparaffinic hydrocarbon fluid, stearic acid or stearly alcohol; and
- c) benoxacor.